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## THIRD DISTRICT NEWS

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Larry D. McCoy, Commander

### **From the Commander's Desk**

With the start of the New Year and during this time of heightened national security and awareness, the Third District would like to take this opportunity to remind members of the business community that this would be an excellent opportunity to review and evaluate their current security policies/procedures, to include the operability of security devices/surveillance equipment. Often times, through the investigation of unfortunate circumstances, it is learned that security equipment is not functioning properly or policies/procedures were not followed. It is hoped that by taking this opportunity to review your business' security practices and checking the operability of security devices/equipment now, if unfortunate circumstances were to arise, employees of your business would know how to respond to a crisis situation such as a Robbery, Burglary, Fire, or other serious event, whether criminal in nature or not.

The Third District suggests that each business work collaboratively with their insurance carrier for assistance in these reviews. Insurance carriers provide valuable resources and often times provide financial incentives to their customers when strong security measures are in place. Additionally, members of the Third District are also available to assist with business security reviews. Please feel free to contact the Third District Station on (202) 673-6815 to request assistance with a security review. The Third District is also able to assist your business with a safety and security fair for employees and customers. These fairs build lasting partnerships between members of the business community and members of the Department. These established relationships are vital for the overall success of the business community in the District of Columbia, and provide an opportunity for the Metropolitan Police Department to establish and foster trusting relationships with members of the business community.

Again, as the Commander of the Third District, I would like to again wish you a happy and prosperous New Year. By working together, 2004 and the many years to come, will be safer and healthier for every citizen of the District of Columbia, a prospective customer for both your business and our agency.

Larry D. McCoy, Commander

## Upcoming Events

### State of the District Address

Mayor Anthony Williams invites you to the annual State of the District Address, Tuesday, February 3, 2004 at 7 PM. It will be at the Lincoln Theatre 1215 U Street NW. The doors will open at six. For more information contact the Office of Community Outreach at 202-442-8150.

### Neighborhood Citizen Summit

As a follow up to the Citizen Summit III, Mayor Williams will host the Neighborhood Citizen Summit in each of the wards. This will facilitate a more direct dialogue between residents and The Mayor. Topics to be discussed will include what was learned at Citizen Summit III, long-range vision for DC, priorities and initiatives in the coming fiscal year, and question and answer session.

- **Ward One** will be Monday, February 23, 2004 at 7 PM. It will be at the All Souls Church 1500 Harvard Street, NW. The doors will open at 6 PM.
- **Ward Two** will be Thursday, February 19, 2004 at 7 PM. It will be at the Kennedy Recreation Center 7<sup>th</sup> and P Street, NW. The doors will open at 6 PM.
- **Ward Five** will be Tuesday, February 10, 2004 at 7 PM. It will be at Trinity College 125 Michigan Ave, NE. The doors will open at 6 PM.
- **Ward Six** will be Thursday, February 26, 2004 at 7 PM. It will be at Sherwood Recreation Center, 1000 G Street, NE. The doors will open at six.

For more information call 202-727-2822 or visit [citizensummit.dc.gov](http://citizensummit.dc.gov)

### Citizens Advisory Council

The monthly CAC Meeting will be Thursday, February 26, 2004 at 7 PM in the Snyder Community Room at 3D, 1620 V Street, NW. Due to Chief Ramsey's memo there will be no elections until the new boundaries are in place, which will be after June 1, 2004. For more information contact CAC Chair Stanley Mayes at 202-328-1368.

## Operation Fightback

“Operation Fight Back” is a concentrated, multi-agency strategy designed to tackle stubborn crime and disorder problems in specific neighborhoods throughout DC. The strategy involves a number of different approaches, including serving arrest warrants, conducting safety checkpoints, carrying out building and business inspections, towing abandoned vehicles, cleaning up trash and reaching out to residents in the community. PSA 305 is having a Fightback. The target area is the 1400 block of Euclid Street, Northwest; also included are the 2600, 2700, & 2800 blocks of 15<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, 1300 block of Harvard St. NW, 1400 Fairmont St. NW, and University Place along with the 1400 block of Clifton St. NW. It is scheduled for Thursday, February 19, 2004. If you would like to help out contact Lt. James Dykes at 202-673-6821.

## **Updates**

### Proposed PSA (Police Service Area) Boundaries

On January 12, 2004, Mayor Anthony A. Williams and the Metropolitan Police Department presented the DC Council with proposed new boundaries for police districts and Police Service Areas (PSAs). The new structure is designed to enhance police services in DC neighborhoods and to increase community involvement in "community policing." This will be accomplished by aligning the PSAs more closely with DC neighborhoods, improving police coordination with other city services in addressing problems that impact crime, and by giving PSAs the staffing flexibility to fight crime more effectively at the neighborhood level. The DC Council has a 60-day period in which to review the proposed new boundaries. The MPDC anticipates implementing the new structure soon after the 60-day review period.

Under the Policing for Prevention strategy, uniformed patrol officers are currently assigned to 83 Police Service Areas (PSAs). These 83 PSAs are organized into seven police districts, which are configured into three Regional Operations Commands (ROCs). A lieutenant, who is assisted by one or more sergeants, leads PSA teams. Working together, the PSA team (lieutenant, sergeants and officers) is responsible for responding to calls for service on the PSA and working with the community to identify and solve crime and disorder problems.

Over the past year, the MPDC has held a series of community meetings, as well as discussions within the Department, on the strengths and weaknesses of the current PSA structure. Based on an analysis of those meetings, as well as other data and information, the Department is proposing to change the PSA structure. The proposed new PSA plan would:

- Reduce the number of PSAs from 83 to 43.

- More closely align the PSAs with DC neighborhoods, so as to improve coordination with other city services and increase community participation in Policing for Prevention.
- Establish a minimum number of officers for each PSA, but provide more officers in those PSAs with greater demands for neighborhood police service.
- This enhanced staffing flexibility will allow PSAs to better carry out the full range of crime-fighting activities, including answering calls for service, targeting crime "hot spots" and engaging the community in neighborhood problem solving.
- Reducing the number of PSAs will help ensure strong and consistent leadership on all PSAs.

For more information on the proposed boundary changes go to the MPD website [http://mpdc.dc.gov/info/districts/PSAs\\_proposed.shtm](http://mpdc.dc.gov/info/districts/PSAs_proposed.shtm).

### 3D Community Meeting Schedule for February 2004

PSA 301/304  
Lieutenant Michael Gottert  
Every Second Wednesday of the Month  
Kalorama Rec Center  
Columbia and Belmont St. NW  
7:30 PM

PSA 302/305  
Lieutenant Bart Dykes  
Every Fourth Monday of the Month  
Boys and Girls Club  
2500 14<sup>th</sup> St. NW  
7 PM

PSA 303  
Lieutenant Edward Delisi  
Every Third Thursday of the Month  
Banneker Rec Center  
2500 Georgia Ave. NW  
7 PM

PSA 306  
Lieutenant Gary Durand  
Every Second Thursday of the Month  
True Reformer Building  
1200 U St.  
6 PM

PSA 307  
Lieutenant Darlene-Terry Weeks  
Every Third Tuesday of the Month  
3D Community Room  
1620 V St. NW  
7 PM  
PSA 308

Lieutenant Shakir Muslim  
Every Third Tuesday of the Month  
3D Community Room  
1620 V St. NW  
7 PM

PSA 309  
Lieutenant Michael Smith  
Every Third Thursday of the Month  
Jewish Community Center  
1529 16<sup>th</sup> St. NW  
7:30 PM

PSA 310  
Lieutenant Shakir T. Muslim  
Every First Wednesday of the Month  
Washington Plaza Hotel  
#10 Thomas Circle  
7 PM

PSA 311  
Lieutenant Ralph Neal  
Every Second Thursday of the Month  
United House of Prayer  
1721 7<sup>th</sup> St. NW  
6:30 PM

PSA 312  
Lieutenant Alveta Dennis  
Every Second Wednesday of the Month  
Mt. Sinai Church  
1615 3rd St. NW  
7 PM

PSA 313  
Lieutenant Michael Smith  
Every First Wednesday of the Month  
Washington Plaza Hotel  
#10 Thomas Circle  
7 PM

PSA 314  
Lieutenant Lamar West  
Every Second Wednesday of the Month  
1301 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
7 PM

### United States Attorney's Office

The U.S. Attorney's Office has two Community Prosecutors assigned to the Third District. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Jean Sexton and Luis Andy Lopez are available to attend your community meeting or event. Due to the large number of meetings, the prosecutors may not be able to attend every meeting. In the event that there is a specific agenda item you would like either prosecutor to address, please contact:

Jean Sexton  
Assistant U.S. Attorney  
202/514-9314  
Jean.Sexton@usdoj.gov

or

Luis Andy Lopez  
Assistant U.S. Attorney  
202/305-9694  
Luis.Lopez2@usdoj.gov.

### Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency

The mission of Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (CSOSA) is to increase public safety, prevent crime, reduce recidivism, and support the fair administration of justice in close collaboration with the community. CSOSA acquired the operational responsibilities for the former District agencies in charge of Probation and Parole and houses the Pretrial Services Agency within its framework. For more information on CSOSA and community partnership contact Reyna Cartagena at 202-220-5300.

## **Be on the Lookout**

The department is investigating the possibility that designer named jackets/coats are being targeted for theft during street robberies.

Since November 1, 2003 there have been some 78 street robberies throughout the city in which jackets/coats were taken, among other items, during the robbery. Of those 78 cases, approximately 18 involved only the theft of the victim's jacket/coat. Various brand name jackets/coats taken during robberies include Northface, Eddie Bauer, Old Navy, etc.

Police advise citizens to mark their items with their name or other identifier in such a way that the marking cannot be removed. This will assist the police in returning the item to its rightful owner if recovered.

## **Street Crimes Report**

### Street Crimes Statistics

A special detail has been formed to combat the criminal activity in the Third District. The idea is to target the violent crime perpetrators and repeat offenders. The following arrests and recoveries have been made by Street Crimes for the month of January 1-28, 2004:

Felony Arrests	27
Misdemeanor Arrests	69
Traffic Arrests	10
Notice of Infraction (Parking)	30
Notice of Infraction (Moving Violations)	40
Drug Recovery Stops	32
Gun Recovery Stops	10
Recovered Stolen Vehicle	01

